

## **Mary Ann Ashton Thomas**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

Mary Ann Ashton Thomas, daughter of Thomas and Mary Howard Ashton, was born in a covered wagon, October 7, 1846 in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. When she was two and a half-years old, her mother died. Her father then married Araminta A. Lawrence, who cared for little Mary Ann, as if she were her own child, and Mary loved her foster mother.

At the age of four years, crossed the plains in the Company of Captain Morris Phelps. In 1851, her family moved to Lehi where she grew to womanhood.

On New Years Day, 1866, at her fathers home, she was married to Daniel Wight Thomas and in the fall of the year, went to the Endowment House and were sealed for time and and all eternity.

Being of a retiring nature, she never took a very active part in public life.

She died December 11, 1939, at the age of ninety-three with a strong faith in the Latter-day Saint gospel. She was the oldest living pioneer of Lehi for a number of years and the second oldest living women.